



36th Annual
Youth Environmental Conference
Twin Falls Resort State Park
September 30 - October 2, 2011

A limited number of scholarships are available on a first-come first-served basis.

- Each youth group attending the conference may send two members between the ages of 13 and 18 years and one chaperone at no charge.
- The scholarships will go quickly. Mail the attached reservation form as soon as possible.
- All participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference.

Additional youth participants and adult chaperones are welcome to attend at the cost of \$165 each. Make checks payable to the: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The deadline for receiving reservations is 3 pm, Thursday, September 15.

- Twin Falls Resort State Park requires the list of all conference participants by this date.
- A limited number of rooms are available.
- Reservations will be accepted after the September 15 deadline only if rooms are still available.

Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, chaperones included. Most rooms have two double or queen beds. Some rooms have 1 king bed and a sofa bed.

Preference of roommates must be specified on the attached reservation form.

- No room changes will be made upon arrival.
- All participants must be pre-registered; no walk-ins will be accepted.

Permission slip, release form, photo consent and conference rules will be sent with your confirmation.

- Attendance at this conference confirms an agreement to abide by all conference rules.
- The permission slip, release form and photo consent form must be signed by the parent/guardian and by the participant and must be received by September 26. Faxed copies are unacceptable.
- Participants cannot attend the Saturday tour without the original signed release forms.

Your club must be enrolled in the Youth Environmental Program to attend.

- For enrollment information or questions regarding the conference, call Diana Haid at 304/926-0499, Extension 1114, or e-mail diana.k.haid@wv.gov .

Environmental workshops are scheduled Friday evening, September 30.

- Tentative workshops include Trash Cab and Recycling.
- Each workshop will last 45 minutes and will be given twice, at 5 and 6 pm.

A pizza buffet will be served Friday at 7 pm in the Twin Falls Dining Room.

- The conference convenes at 7:45 pm in the Azalea Conference Room.
- Keith Carte, DEP, Division of Mining and Reclamation, Office of Explosives and Blasting, has been invited to present the evening program which will begin at 8 pm.
- Door prizes and games will follow the program.

Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning will be served in the Twin Falls Dining Room.

A tour is scheduled Saturday, October 1 to the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority Landfill and Recycling Center and the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine and Coal Camp. The temperature in the mine is 58 degrees year round so wearing a jacket is highly recommended.

- Transportation will be provided by Wyoming County school buses.
- Lunch will be provided by the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority.

A buffet dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening at 5:30 pm in the Azalea Conference Room.

- Expert storyteller, David “Bugs” Stover of Mullens, has been invited as guest speaker at 6:30 pm.
- Reports will be given by each color group on their assignments from the tours.

Make a table centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme “What’s Beneath the Surface?”

- Be prepared to describe the centerpiece and its environmental qualities.
- Centerpieces will be displayed and judged following dinner. Prizes will be awarded.
- Important**: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be making a table centerpiece.

A dance will be held from 8:30-10:30 pm Saturday night in the Azalea Conference Room.

- Board games will be available in the Dogwood Conference Room and a movie will be shown in the old lobby for those not wanting to attend the dance.

An idea swap will be featured Sunday morning, October 2.

- Each club is invited to give a three-minute report of their community environmental project(s).
- If you have handouts, be sure to bring 25 copies. If you need copies made of your handout, please let someone know when you register.
- The report must be given by a youth.
- Important**: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be participating in the idea swap.

Conference leaders from the Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Natural Resources will welcome participants on Friday and will remain through Sunday.

- If you wish to participate in the Friday afternoon workshops you need to arrive by 4:45 p.m.
- All participants are required to attend the entire conference, beginning Friday evening through adjournment on Sunday morning.
- Parents will be held responsible for any damages caused by a conference participant.

Sincerely,

Diana Haid, Program Coordinator
Youth Environmental Program

Reservation Form
Youth Environmental Conference
Twin Falls Resort State Park
September 30 – October 1, 2011

MAIL TO: Diana Haid, Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304
OR FAX TO: 304-926-0499

All reservations must be received by 3 pm, Thursday, September 15, 2011.

Name of youth group_____

Name of leader_____

Complete address_____State_____Zip_____

Telephone number_____home_____work_____

County_____

Two club members receiving scholarships:

1. Name_____age_____

Parent/guardian_____telephone_____

Address_____zip_____

Male_____Female_____

2. Name_____age_____

Parent/guardian_____telephone_____

Address_____zip_____

Male_____Female_____

Chaperone scholarships are limited to one per club. Please include chaperone information on back of form.

Additional participants and chaperones paying \$165 each may also be listed on the back of this form. Give the same information as above. Adult leaders please write "chaperone" in the space requesting age. Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, including chaperones.

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$_____

Please note: Be sure your club is enrolled in the youth environmental program.

Is your club making a centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme "What's Beneath the Surface"?

_____Yes _____No *Please be prepared to describe the centerpiece and its environmental qualities.*

Is your club participating in the idea swap on Sunday by giving a three-minute report of your most successful project(s)?

_____Yes _____No *If providing a handout, please bring 25 copies or let us know at registration if you need copies made.*

Please indicate the number of vegetarian meals needed:_____